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SUBJECT: CHILEAN RADICAL PARTY VISIT TO THE U.S.

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- 1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. SOCIALIST INTERNATIONAL (SI) GENERAL SECRETARY BERNT CARLSSON TELEPHONED EMBOFF APRIL 6 REGARDING THE SUBJECT VISIT TO ADVISE THAT THE SI HAD TAKEN A "FORMAL" DECISION THAT CHILEAN RADICAL LEADER SULE WILL NOT BE TRAVELING AS AN OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE SI OR UNDER SI AUSPICES. ACCORDINGLY, AS THE TRIP IS A MATTER INTERNAL TO AN AFFILIATE PARTY, THE SI DOES NOT HAVE ANY VIEWS ON THE VISIT. END UNCLASSIFIED.
- 2. CARLSSON SAID THE SI RECENTLY LEARNED THAT SULE AND HIS ASSOCIATES HAVE BEEN PASSING THE WORD THAT THE CONFIDENTIAL

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SI WAS SPONSORING THE TRIP. WHILE HE DID NOT MAKE IT EXPLICIT, EMBOFF INFERRED THAT CARLSSON WAS PARTICULARLY CONCERNED THAT THE ALLEGED SI SPONSORSHIP WAS USED TO ENCOURAGE US AFFILIATES OF THE SI TO ARRANGE ACTIVITIES FOR SULE AND PARRA. CARLSSON NOTED THAT THE UNUSUAL DECISION TO DISAVOW ANY CONNECTION WITH THE TRIP WAS TAKEN AFTER CONSULTATION WITH SI CHAIRMAN

WILLY BRANDT AND WAS DUE TO THE SI'S CONTINUING INVESTIGATION OF CORRUPTION CHARGES AGAINST SULE.

3. IF THE SULE/PARRA VISIT TO THE DEPARTMENT TRIGGERS QUESTIONS FROM THE PRESS, CARLSSON HOPES THE DEPARTMENT' PRESS SPOKESMAN WILL FIND AN OPPORTUNITY TO STRESS THAT THE MEETINGS WERE NOT RPT NOT UNDER SI AUSPICES.

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